

With his birth on January 13, 1915, in Fitzgerald, Georgia, Raymond Gilbert Davis began a life of service to his fellow Americans. His military career, for which he is best known, commenced after his graduation from the Georgia School of Technology in 1933, where he participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit. In 1938, General Davis resigned his commission with the U.S. Army Infantry Reserve to accept an appointment as a U.S. Marine Corps second lieutenant.

It was General Davis' bravery while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps that proves how this ordinary man was truly one of America's extraordinary heroes. During the Korean War, then Lt. Col. Davis gave this country his most famous demonstration of his unparalleled leadership during the 1st Marine Division's historic break out of the Chosin Reservoir area. During that campaign, in the face of treacherous weather conditions and overwhelming enemy numbers, he led a battalion of Marines to prevent the annihilation of a beleaguered Marine rifle company and secured a mountain pass for the safe deployment of two additional Marine regiments while keeping his own forces intact.

Following this act of bravery, President Truman, who presented the Medal of Honor to Lt. Col. Davis on November 24, 1952, wrote, "his valiant devotion to duty and unyielding fighting spirit in the face of almost insurmountable odds enhance and sustain the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service."

General Davis once jokingly told me that was the biggest mistake he ever made because every time Marines were trapped they sent for him. He, of course, was pleased to do whatever his country asked him to do.

General Davis, who also served in World War II and the Vietnam War, culminated his service with an appointment as the Assistant Commandant to the Marine Corps. Following his service in this capacity, General Davis retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1972, and became America's most highly decorated living veteran. His decorations include: the Medal of Honor; the Navy Cross; the Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a second award; the Silver Star Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a second award; the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of a second award; the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; the Purple Heart; the Presidential Unit Citation with four bronze stars indicative of second through fifth awards; the Navy Unit Commendation; the American Defense Service Medal with Fleet clasp; the American Campaign Medal; the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one silver star in lieu of five bronze stars; the World War II Victory Medal; the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star; the Korean Service Medal with four bronze stars; the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars; the National Order of Vietnam, 4th Class; the National Order of Vietnam, 5th Class; the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with three Palms; two Korean Presidential Unit Citations; the United Nations Service Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

General Davis' devotion to his fellow Americans did not end with his retirement. General Davis was instrumental in the design, funding and construction of the U.S. Korean War Memorial located here in Washington, DC. I was there on the day it was opened. I was as proud of my friend on this occasion as I have

ever been. It struck me that while he was a genuine hero as a military leader, his greatest contributions to his nation may have been what he did over the last 31 years for his fellow veterans. He loved them for their service and they revered him for his leadership.

Then, General Davis played a crucial role in creating U.S.-Korea 2000, an organization that reached out to almost 40,000 veterans of the Korean War in order to allow them to participate in ceremonies associated with the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. In my home state of Georgia, he devoted his time and energy to the construction of the Georgia War Veterans Memorial Park in Rockdale County.

Through the years I have known Ray Davis, not only as a fellow veteran, but also as a friend. His courageous devotion to his comrades, his unyielding fight for the American veteran, and his love for and service to the United States itself are all examples of what it truly means to be an American.

While his military service was exemplary, his post military service deserved just as many medals. I generally open a speech with the request for all veterans in the audience to stand. When they do, they are met, without exception, with the grateful applause of the rest in attendance. Ray Davis taught me that.

When I am in a campaign I always target veterans since, as Ray always reminded me, I should be proud that I am one and should share that fact.

When the Republican Party is in a presidential race, whether 1988, 1992, 1996, or 2000, I could always expect Ray Davis to be escorting our candidate around veterans groups. Indeed, there was no military leader, with the possible exception of Omar Bradley, more revered by the troops, then my friend Ray Davis.

Let me hasten to add that he was never satisfied with our efforts. I was the proud recipient of many letters and phone calls from this American hero reminding me of how many veterans there were and what patriots they were and how little we were doing to appreciate them. I may have disagreed with him once or twice, but I do not recall it. My prayers go to Willa and the family.

America has lost a great warrior and hero. And I have lost a great friend. I shall miss him.

MOTHER TERESA: A MODEL FOR US ALL

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, in 1948, Mother Teresa came across a half-dead woman lying in front of a Calcutta hospital. She stayed with the woman until she died. From that point on, she dedicated the majority of her life to helping the poorest of the poor in India. If everyone in the world able to help the poor would donate a small fraction of their time in the spirit of Mother Teresa, the world would be a much better place.

It takes an extraordinary person to "see God in every human being." Almost 50 years later, her Missionaries of Charity has grown from 12 sisters in India to over 3,000 in 517 missions throughout 100 countries worldwide. For 50 years, this remarkable woman has

touched the lives of so many that were in dire need of help.

As we members of Congress go about our daily routines, we would be well served to use Mother Teresa as an example of how we should conduct ourselves. Our duty is public service, and there was no greater servant to mankind than Mother Teresa.

RECOGNIZING MR. ALBERT G. HORTON, JR. OF CHESAPEAKE, VA

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the late Mr. Albert G. Horton, Jr. of Chesapeake, VA for his seemingly endless dedication to the veterans of Virginia.

On September 8, 2003, we will break ground in Suffolk, VA to establish a new National Veterans Cemetery, due largely to the perseverance of Al Horton. In 1996, as a Virginia State Delegate, I created the Virginia Veterans Liaison Committee in an effort to bring veterans together and to give a unified voice to their issues. Al Horton was a member of that committee and that is how I first came to know Al.

In 1997, Al contacted me and asked me to introduce legislation to have a National Veterans Cemetery constructed in the Hampton Roads area. Thus, I began a long fulfilling relationship with this very special man.

During 1998, as a result of a bill I introduced as a member of the Virginia General Assembly, a study was conducted to establish if there was a need for a new National Cemetery within the region. The study concluded there were 173,700 veterans living in the Hampton Roads area who would benefit from such a cemetery. The distance to the closest alternative cemetery site in Amelia is two and a half hours away, and the study concluded that this distance had been a deterrent to veterans' families who wanted to be able to visit the gravesites of their loved ones.

Based upon that study, I worked with Al in his new role as Chairman of the Hampton Roads Veterans' Cemetery Committee to find a site to serve as a final resting place for our nation's veterans. An area in Suffolk, VA was selected and \$650,000 in state-appropriated monies was used to secure purchase of the land. Additional money was appropriated for the design and engineering of the cemetery, but all those funds were to be reimbursed by the federal government through the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the form of a short-term Treasury loan. The effect of these actions would therefore result in a Veterans' Cemetery for Virginia Veterans that would cost approximately \$8 million with Virginia only paying approximately \$650,000.

Al Horton worked tirelessly, with the help of veterans around the state, organizing, leading and overcoming many hurdles to make his vision of a veterans' cemetery in Hampton Roads a reality. He even wrote a book, "Grass Roots Politics, If You Don't Like It—Change It!!" which details his experience as an ordinary citizen accomplishing the goal of getting something as great as the Veterans Cemetery at Hampton Roads accomplished.

I only wish Al was still with us to see the result of all his hard work. He passed away on

October 17, 2002, in Chesapeake, VA. When Al died, he was at his computer rallying his fellow veterans in an effort to ensure the cemetery would be built. We were talking with Al on an almost daily basis. That was part of Al's essence—never giving up and always going the extra mile to make a difference in other people's lives. His dedication to the veterans and the State of Virginia will never be forgotten.

Al Horton was a dedicated husband and father. In his will, he stipulated that he and his beloved wife, Evelyn, who preceded him in death, should be buried in the unfinished cemetery. It gives me great peace to know that in the near future Al's wishes will be honored.

While Al Horton cannot be with us on September 8, 2003, when we dedicate the cemetery he worked so hard to create, I know that he will be smiling as he looks down. Al Horton understood that the recognition and proper burial of our veterans is an integral part of our national heritage and an important way for a grateful nation to say "Thank you". Our veterans have continuously defended and renewed America's promise through their efforts. It is only fitting that we honor them in their final resting place.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask that we take this opportunity to recognize Al Horton for his passion, his commitment, and his love for his country. Al was a veteran, an advocate, an author, and a friend to all who knew him. I hold Al Horton in high esteem and have nothing but respect and affection for this wonderful man. I know my life is changed for having met him, because he was willing to make a difference for those who fought to preserve our freedom and asked for nothing more than a place to rest in eternal peace.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT W.
CULLEY OF HILL CITY, KANSAS

HON. JERRY MORAN

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who had a positive effect on the lives of many people in Northwest Kansas and across the state. We mourn the death of Mr. Robert W. Culley of Hill City, Kansas.

A life-long Kansan, Mr. Culley never hesitated to answer the call to serve his family, community, state and country. He lived a life guided by the morals and values we hold dear in rural America: strong beliefs, faithful service and absolute integrity.

Shortly after his graduation from college, Bob volunteered for the Navy in June of 1942. After basic training in Rhode Island, Bob was assigned to the 60th Construction Battalion and was sent to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific to build an airfield for future operations against Japan. Bob continued his military service, graduating from the Supply School at Harvard and then serving aboard the battleship USS Texas until the end of World War II.

Bob returned to his hometown of Mullinville, Kansas, where he spent twenty years farming and ranching. Bob started a new career when he accepted an offer to become the President of the Consolidated State Bank in Hill City.

It was during his tenure at the bank that I was fortunate to have the opportunity and pleasure to work with Mr. Culley. As a recent college graduate, I quickly came to admire his intelligence, integrity and dignity. Working for Bob taught me a great deal about banking, but even more about being a good person. I know that I am better for having known him and worked with him.

He contributed an endless amount of time in making his community a better place to do business and raise a family.

Most important to Bob was his family. Over the course of 61 years together, he and his wife Catherine raised a son and daughter, Tom and Sara, and devoted endless love and attention to his two grandchildren.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the Hill City Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star, the South Solomon Shrine Club, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Hill City Elks Lodge, the Graham County Historical Society, the Graham County Community Foundation and the Graham County Hospital Board.

Bob also served on the Fort Hays State University Endowment Board and was a past president. He was involved in the David and Mary Rush Scholarship Trust, where he and other trustees awarded scholarships to Graham County High School graduates.

Through his kindness and service, Robert Culley made his community, state, and nation a better place. I join his many friends and admirers in extending my deepest sympathies to Catherine and her family during their time of loss.

TRIBUTE TO RUSH-MILLER
FOUNDATION

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before this body of Congress today to recognize a charitable organization that works to improve the lives of blind or visually impaired children throughout the United States. The Rush-Miller Foundation raises money to donate bicycles to visually impaired children in ten different states across the country. The foundation works to inspire confidence and a more active lifestyle in children who are visually impaired.

The Rush-Miller foundation was formed in 2001 in recognition of the benefits that the initial project had conferred upon Garrett Rush-Miller. Garrett had been an outgoing, active child until a malignant brain tumor inhibited his usual activities and he stopped playing outside. With the hope that a tandem bicycle could improve Garrett's outlook, his parents were able to obtain a bicycle through the charitable contributions of many friends and sponsors. Now, the Rush-Miller foundation aspires to help other children like Garrett by donating bicycles to help restore their active lifestyles.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Rush-Miller Foundation for their philanthropic work. I commend the foundation for its noble objective and congratulate everyone involved on their tremendous success. I wish the foundation all the best in the years to come.

HONORING MR. XIA CHIA XIONG

HON. DENNIS A. CARDOZA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Mr. Xia Chia Xiong for all of his service to the Lao community in Merced, California. As the first President of the Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. he touched many lives.

Born in 1940 in Laos, Mr. Xiong dedicated his life to helping the Lao community. From 1957–1961, he was an assistant to the Chief of Nam Chanh District, City of Mong Pheng, Vangvieng Province, in Laos. During the Vietnam War, he worked for the United States Central Intelligence Agency and was bestowed the rank of major. With the fall of Laos in 1975, he led a group of Hmong refugees to take refuge in Thailand and served these refugees until he immigrated to the United States in 1980.

In the United States, Mr. Xiong served the first President of the Merced Lao Family Community, Inc. for 4 years. He then served as their Project Director for 2 years. His work in the community is recognized by many. It is my honor to also recognize his achievements.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD C. EATON

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 5, 2003

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Harold C. Eaton, a leader in the field of civil rights in both his community and the nation as a whole. His tenure as the Mobile District Corps of Engineers Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, which was marked with numerous accomplishments, has truly earned him the honor of being inducted into the Gallery of Distinguished Civilian Employees.

Mr. Eaton served his country through Federal service for 44 years, beginning with his assignment at Brookley Air Force Base in 1956. Following the closing of the base in 1967, Mr. Eaton transferred to the Mobile District Personnel Office and was later appointed to the position of District Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (EEO) in 1974.

The advancements made by Mr. Eaton during his time as EEO Officer were nothing short of outstanding. Facing the issue of equal opportunity during one of the most tumultuous times in the nation's history, Mr. Eaton's career was marked with a number of challenges. The most serious of these challenges was the court-ordered Consent Decree, a class action lawsuit outlining affirmative action goals for black employment in the Mobile District. Mr. Eaton worked diligently and effectively to solve the problems faced by the community in the field of equal opportunity and was successful in having the Decree lifted in 1987. Through his work in the community, Mr. Eaton became a recognized leader on the local and Federal level in the field of affirmative action.

A second major challenge Mr. Eaton faced during his tenure as EEO Officer dealt with private contracting for the Tennessee-